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Applicant: Goddard et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C40
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NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 10, 2005 in this case. This filing is being timely filed concurrent with a Petition for Extension of time for five months with required fees. Also attached herewith are a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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